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## Letter from the Chairman

In the past two months 8 houses have sold in Long Leaf Plantation. This speaks volumes for our beautiful 30+ year old neighborhood and the fact that it is still in high demand. We would like to think this is due to the positive impact Long Leaf has on visitors and potential homebuyers. So many of you do your part by maintaining a beautiful homestead - thank you.

At the same time, the ACB and the Board work diligently to ensure the neighborhood remains desirable. At times it may seem as though these two entities are a thorn in your side; however, without them, we would look like our neighbors to the south of us with a few well maintained homes and yet a larger portion that are unkempt. To maintain a desirable neighborhood, it takes homeowner involvement, a dedicated team of residents and money. Long Leaf has been operating for the past ten years on a membership dues structure of \$75.00 a year, per home, while costs have continued to rise but membership hasn't. So that Long Leaf will be able to meet its needs, it will be necessary to enact a dues increase effective with next year's dues, beginning January 1. We anticipate a \$25 a year increase to \$100 annually per home. Today we are at an association membership rate of approximately 70%. This volume barely keeps us solvent; especially in the event of a major unexpected expense. Please do your part and join your association today.

As happens every few years, the Covenants are reviewed for possible update and improvement toward building a stronger community that works for the protection of all residents. The Board of Directors, along with a small group of advisors, are reviewing and revising the Covenants. Over the next few months, you will receive a copy of the revisions with a request for your additional input. We will keep you updated as this process progresses.

Meanwhile, your Board is focusing on tasks such as finding ways to have walking paths installed along Stratford, and saving expenses through the possibility of bringing a recycled water line to the irrigation system along the median. It is more and more important for residents to get involved in their neighborhood. If you can't give of your time, then become an association member if you are not one already. Join us today by contacting any one of your Board members.

Have a safe and happy 4 th of July. We'll see you all at the 4 th of July Parade convening at 8am on Red Mangrove.

*Ron Derstine*  
Chairman



## Dine-Around on Hiatus

Our monthly Dine-Around events will be on-hold until this Fall. Meanwhile, Anita Campbell has asked that we find someone to take over her task as Dine-Around Manager. This is an exciting non-paying position that gives you the opportunity to share your dining experiences with the neighborhood by making arrangement with a restaurant to serve 12-25 persons on a given night. This position gives you the honor of introducing neighbors to one another while exposing them to the wide selection of dining facilities around Volusia and Seminole County. We seriously need someone to keep up this tradition. *If you have an interest, please contact Anita for further details at 734-9224 or e-mail her at [anita.campbell2468@att.net](mailto:anita.campbell2468@att.net) OR call Carole Sustak at 747-9833.*

## Summer Watering

Oh wonderful summer...our yards are looking their best with the grass nice and green and the flowers in bloom. It's also a time when we start to water our lawns more frequently due to the growing season and the warmer temps. Hopefully you are all adhering to the Volusia County Watering Restrictions outlined on the bottom back page of this newsletter. Many of us have automatic watering systems that are extremely helpful in keeping us to this schedule. Unfortunately, we also by-pass it when it has been raining. This has a double negative to it since we are spending money for watering we don't need and we are also over watering our grass, creating shallow roots. If possible, please try to be more aware of when your sprinklers are needed and when they are not. Your lawn will love you for it.

## Unwanted Solicitors

As you enter into our community you will see signs located at the end of each median that states "NO Soliciting." This is done as a protection for the residents to eliminate unwanted persons from wandering the neighborhood. Recently, we have had a number of solicitors who have been asked to leave, but are very persistent. When you allow a solicitor to come into your home you are cracking the door, so to speak, on the NO Soliciting policy and encouraging solicitation in the neighborhood. We ask that you advise these people they must leave the neighborhood and stop their soliciting practice in Long Leaf Plantation or the police will be notified. If you are so inclined, you are perfectly within your rights to call the police at 386-736-5999 and ask them to send an officer to the neighborhood. Help us to stop unwanted solicitors. A solicitor is anyone who is distributing information by knocking on doors or depositing materials in mailboxes or at the end of driveways in an effort to persuade residents to buy things, donate money, vote for a certain candidate, etc.

## Know the BUZZ About Mosquito Control



The Zika Virus is still with us. Mosquito larvae develop in standing water. Check your home to rid it of standing water. Elimination of breeding sites is one of the keys to prevention.

- **DISCARD** old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots, pans, and broken appliances.
- **TURN OVER** or remove empty pots and buckets.
- **PICK UP** beverage containers and cups.
- **CLEAN OUT** eaves, troughs and gutters.
- **REPLACE** water in birdbaths and pet feeding dishes at least once a week.
- **DRAIN** water from boats and tarps.
- **MAINTAIN** the chemistry of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.
- **COVER** windows and doors with screens.



## "To Die For" Blueberry Muffins

### Ingredients:

1½ Cup All-Purpose Flour  
¾ Cup White Sugar  
½ tsp Salt  
2 tsp Baking Powder  
½ Cup Vegetable Oil  
1 Egg  
½ Cup Milk  
1 Cup Fresh Blueberries

### Topping:

½ Cup White Sugar  
⅓ Cup All-Purpose Flour  
¼ Cup Butter, cubed  
1½ tsp Ground Cinnamon

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease muffin cups or line with muffin liners.

Combine flour, sugar, salt, & baking powder. Place the vegetable oil into a 1 cup measuring cup, then add the egg & enough milk to fill the cup.

Mix this with flour mixture. Fold in blueberries. Fill muffin cups right to the top, and sprinkle with crumb topping mixture.

To make Crumb Topping, mix together sugar, flour, butter & Cinnamon. Mix with a fork, & sprinkle over muffins before baking.

Bake for 20 – 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until done.



## FOUND!

To our residents who showed concern for the lost dog we reported earlier this month, we are pleased to share that Jill has been found and is now safe at home. Thanks to all who kept an eye out for her while she was missing!

*Welcome to our Newest Neighbors*

Phillip Dobos  
605 Black Ironwood

Neil & Heather Greiner  
604 Black Ironwood

Sue Montague  
1018 Torchwood

Jim & Kelley Matter  
1068 Torchwood



## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

Come one, Come All! Our traditional 4th of July parade, founded over 30 years ago, will convene at 8am on July 4th in front of Russ and Nancy Grant's home at 1676 Red Mangrove. Following the parade, we will celebrate with cold watermelon, water, and a chorus of patriotic songs.

Decorate your animals, your bikes, your vehicles and anything else you want to parade; most importantly, just SHOW UP. In addition to the Kazoo Marching Band, there will be prizes awarded for the best patriotic outfit, best decorated bike, most patriotic dog, horse, cat, lizard... whatever you have. And, a prize for the family with the most marching members.

Suzy Smith (whose birthday is July 4th) and her committee will oversee this festivity. She asks that any families with children step forward and volunteer to help in the planning of simple games for the children. *Please call Suzy at 386 295-3476 before June 24th to offer your help.*

## Yards of the Month

Congratulations to those resident whose lawns have earned them the designation of Yard of the Month.



**May**

**John and Terri Christopher**  
494 Black Ironwood Drive



**April**

**Karl and Bonnie Schaefer**  
676 Torchwood Drive



**June**

**Tom and Nada Acquaro**  
959 Torchwood Drive

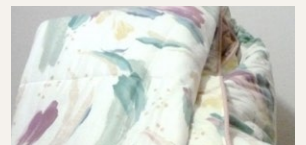
## Getting to Know your Neighbors

This acknowledgement will be both a hello and goodbye to Ken Grissom. Ken will be moving to St. Augustine by the end of this year. For the past 21 years, Ken has been a major participant in the overall success of the Long Leaf Plantation community having served on the Board of Directors in the capacity of Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary and member. Ken also served on the ACB for several years.

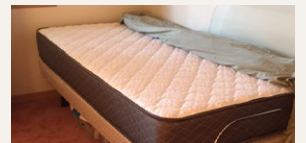
As the 10th child of Salone and Vera Grissom, Ken grew up in Sylacauga, AL. His naval military career had Ken on both coasts serving on the USS Magoffin APA 199, the USS Pyro AE24 and the USS Haleakala AE25. He has traveled the world and made two cruises to Vietnam as North Search and Rescue Ship operator which included a short tour on river patrol boats. He retired from a Naval career in 1976 as a Senior Chief Operations Specialist.

After his naval retirement, he continued to support the military through the development of tactical systems and training devices for companies such as Jardon and Howard Technologies in Orlando, FL. Prior to health conditions, Ken was a qualified Commercial Instrument Single Engine Pilot. Ken and his wife Sherry (deceased in 2014) moved to Long Leaf in 1985. He has four children: Cheryl, married to Wesley Flesher with two daughters Paula and Karen, and one great granddaughter; Ken Jr. (known a Wayne), married to Diana Peacock, resides in DeLand and works as a TG Lee employee, along with ownership of the Best Best Beds in Orange City. Ken's two sons Kevin and Greg have preceded Ken and his wife in death. Ken is in the process of building a new home in the St. Augustine area where he will move with his newest love, Trish. We wish Ken and Trish much happiness and extend a big Thank You to Ken for all he's given to Long Leaf over the years. ☺

## Classifieds



JCPenney Full-size reversible comforter w/ matching bed skirt & 2 pillow shams \$25. Same pattern curtain panels (40" x 86") with white lining & two tiebacks \$15. *Contact Dawn at dfontaine4@cfl.rr.com*



Craftmatic Adjustable Bed (Twin), Model CMM001, Dual density firm/plush mattress, remote, and massage. Used 2 months. Also has bed rails, not shown. Now \$800. Original price \$2098. *Call Ken 1-386-801 0982*

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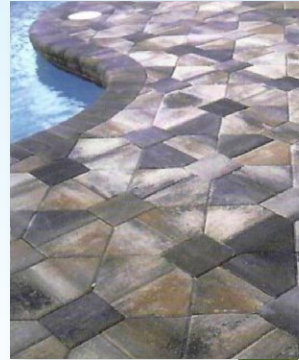
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Volusia County Public Works (report roadside litter) – 386 822-6422

## Volusia County Watering Restrictions

Even House #'s: Thursday & Sunday during Daylight Savings  
Odd House #'s: Wednesday & Saturday during Daylight Savings  
Do not water between 10am-4pm and no more than 1 hr per zone.

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